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1. AT DECEMBER 16 NATO POLADS MEETING, ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO YUGOSALV SOURCES, AN IMPORTANT DIFFICULTY AT NOVEMBER 17-19 BERLIN PREPARATORY MEETING HAD BEEN SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT ECPC DOCUMENT REFER TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CSCE AS BEING DUE "ONLY" TO THE EFFORTS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. FURTHER DIFFICULTIES CROPPED UP AT MEETING OVER SOVIET VIEWS ON IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE, AND ON MOSCOWS DESIRE TO HAVE A REFERENCE TO A WORLD COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE INCLUDED IN ECPC DOCUMENT.

- 2. FERRETTI CONTINED THAT ITALIAN CP SOURCES ALSO REPORT DIFFICULTIES AT THE BERLIN MEETING OVER THE ISSUE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES, AS WELL AS OVER EAST WEST RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN REPORT, THE BULGARIANS AND CZECHS TOOK THE INITIATIVE ON THESE ISSUES AT BERLIN.
- 3. FERRETTI NOTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES BELEIVE THAT THE APPARENT HARDENING OF THE SOVIET POSITION AT THE BERLIN MEETING MAY REFLECT CPSU INABILITY TO MAKE IDEOLOGICAL COMPROMISES DURING THE PRE-CONGRESS PERIOD. BRUCE

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